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30. NEW LARVAL FOOD PLANTS OF THE TAILED JAY BUTTERFLY *GRAPHIUM AGAMEMNON* LINN., PAPILIONIDAE

The Tailed Jay butterfly is an inhabitant of urban areas and can be seen throughout the day, flying in the vicinity of its larval food plants. On Sept. 11, 1997, I noticed a caterpillar of the Tailed Jay on the leaf of a tree. A branch of the tree was collected and was later identified as *Artabotrys hexapetalus* (Linn.), locally known as Hirva champa. It is a large climbing shrub, commonly grown in gardens for its fragrant flowers. While working on butterflies at the Borivli National Park, I had also seen many caterpillars of this species on a *Polyalthia cerasoides* tree growing on the periphery of the park.

The caterpillar of the Tailed Jay, according to Sevastopulo (1973) *JBNHS* 70(1): 156-183 are known to feed on *Saccopetalum tomentosum*, *Annona muricata*, *A. squamosa*, *A. discolor*, *A. reticulata*, *Polyalthia longifolia*, all belonging to Family Annonaceae; *Michelia champaca* Family Magnoliaceae, and *Cinnamomum* of the Family Lauraceae.

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31. BLACK RAJAH *CHARAXES FABIVS* ATTRACTED TO LIGHT IN TADOBA NATIONAL PARK

Hundreds of species of insects are known to be attracted to light. However, this attraction is little known in butterflies, which are usually diurnal.

Thorne (1960) published his observations on North American butterflies attracted to light. Donahue (1962) recorded butterflies attracted to light in India, and mentioned that further observations and experimentation will undoubtedly help in the interpretation of this interesting phenomenon. Shull and Nadkerny

(1967) in a paper on "Insects attracted to Mercury Vapour Lamp in the Surat Dangs" have reported four species of family Nymphalidae.

The present observation was recorded during a faunistic survey of Tadoba National Park in December 1996, when one of us (RMS) witnessed a somewhat baffling incident on the night of December 6. While collecting insects attracted to light outside Rest House No. II around 2200 h, we saw a butterfly suddenly dashing against a tubelight. For a moment we thought it